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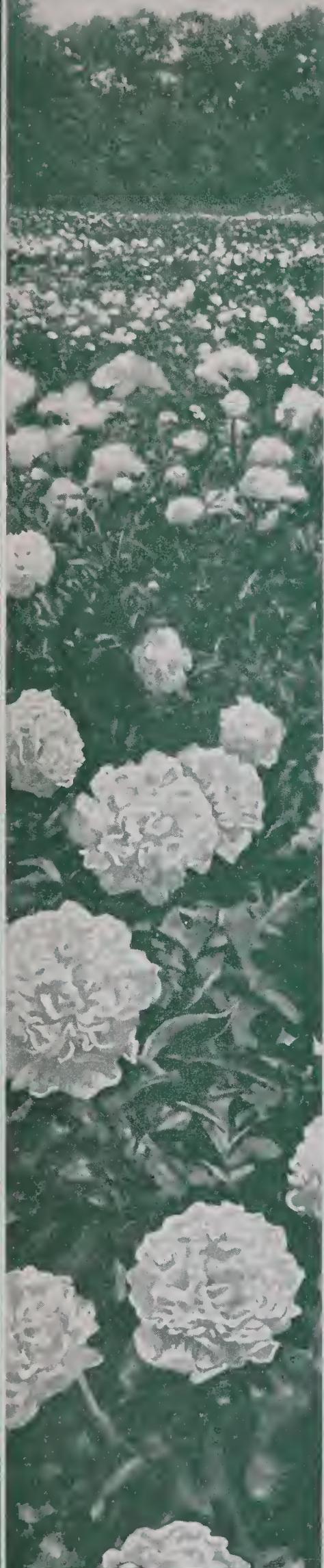
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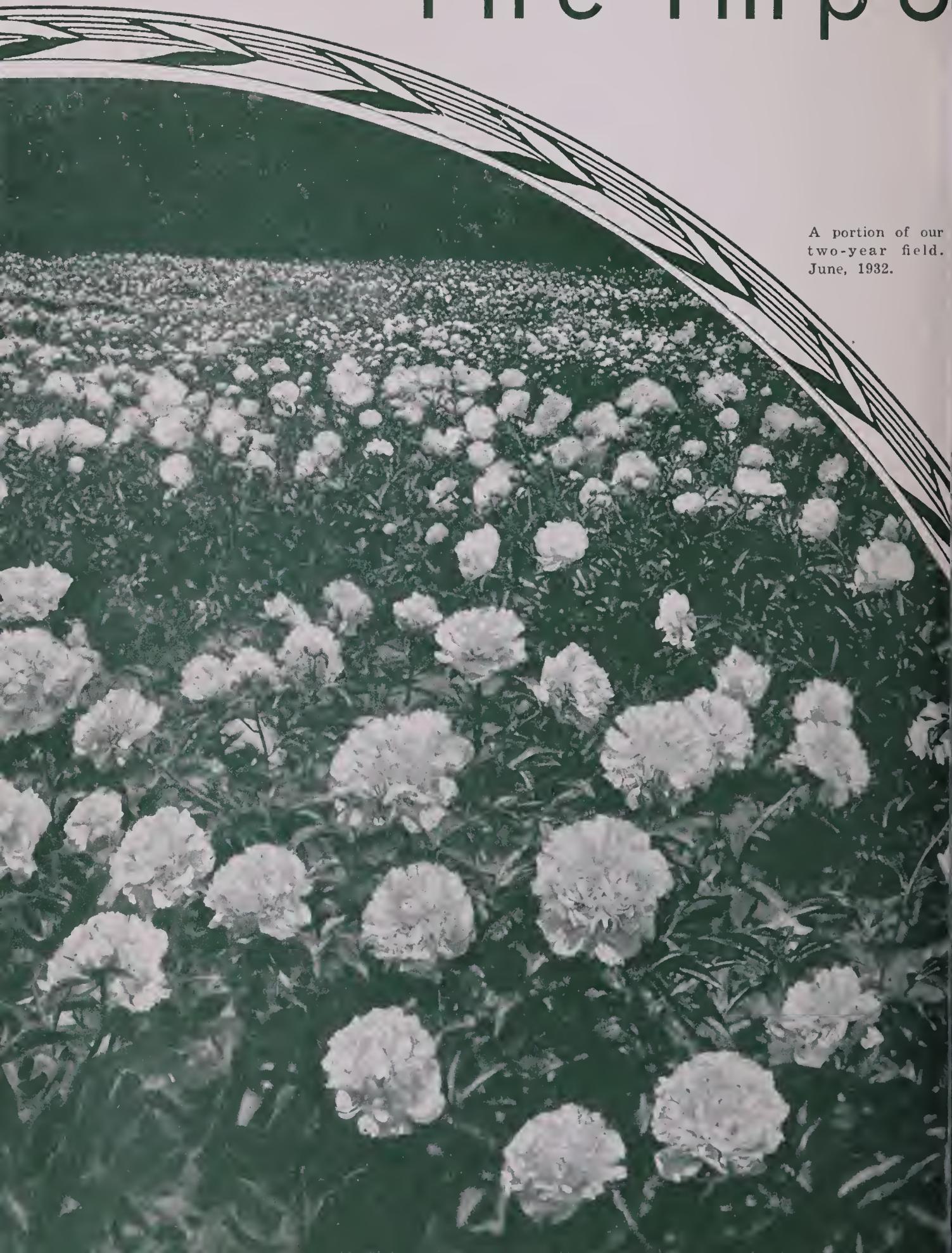
# PETERSON PEONIES

*The Flower  
Beautiful*



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A portion of our  
two-year field.  
June, 1932.



# importance of HEREDITY

**W**HILE Peonies are universally recognized as the "King of Perennial Flowers," and their gorgeous blooms are gracing an ever increasing number of gardens, it is of the utmost importance to *start* with plants whose heritage is strong and well guarded.

Far too often people come to us with tales of Peonies that do not bloom, or Peonies that bear tiny bits of flowers—and they wonder why.

In most cases the reason is quite simple — improper planting, lack of fertility, late frost, inadequate moisture at the right time, etc. Then too, there are many thousands of Peony plants all over the country which should never have found a place in the private garden. A grower raises seedling Peonies by the acre. He must cultivate them several years before they bloom, and when they do bloom he finds a few that are not as good as varieties already in existence, but lacking the courage to dig them up and throw them away, he sells them to the average nurseryman, to whom all roots look alike, and thus they find their way into the planter's hands. Very probably many of these seedlings have never bloomed and some of them probably never will.

In our own tests of varieties, one that does not begin to bloom within two or three years from planting is discarded, and it must be a very distinct and unusually good variety to be retained and offered here if it does not bloom well and regularly *every* season after having become established. It is true that there are varieties which are tardy in beginning to bloom. But suppose we explain it by comparison. In all professions today, men are beginning to recognize the fact that it takes a whole lifetime to really *know* any one thing thoroughly. The old family physician is gradually giving way to the specialist—skin, bone, eyes, throat, stomach, etc., etc.

The same is true about flowers—particularly with plants like the Peony. One simply can not acquire all the infinite detail of knowledge about Peonies—and a dozen other species of plant at the same time.

The first great principle upon which you can build garden satisfaction in the years to come, therefore, is to secure your stock from a specialist who knows every whim and fancy of every member of the Peony family.

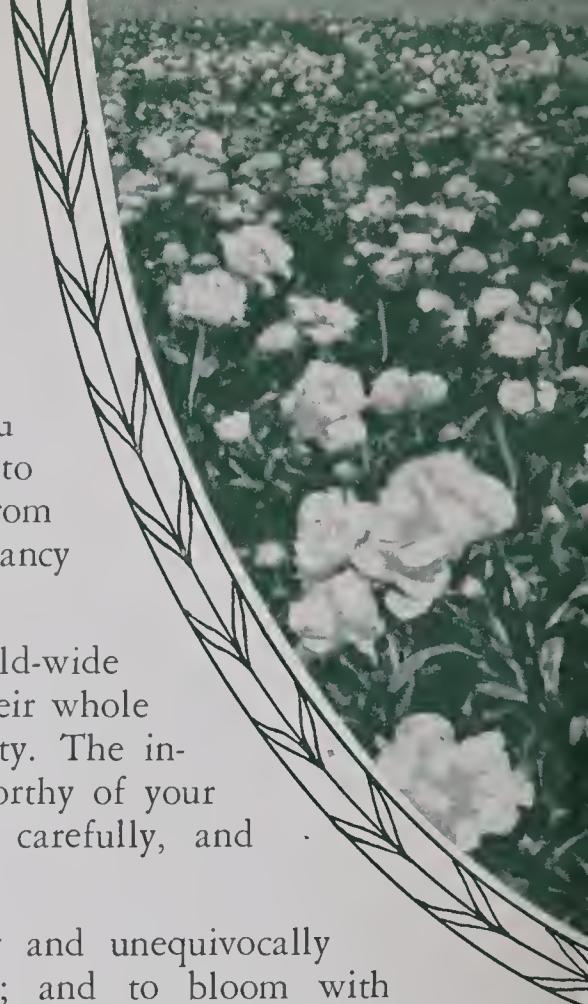
Peterson Peonies have achieved their world-wide reputation because our Peony men spend their whole lives studying and living with their specialty. The inherent qualities of every variety we find worthy of your attention is studied minutely, is guarded carefully, and in many cases is greatly improved upon.

Peterson Peonies are therefore absolutely and unequivocally guaranteed to be true to name; to live; and to bloom with large, truly characteristic flowers. Any dissatisfaction on your part, is sufficient reason for you to request new plants or to ask for a refund.

*And now for just a few of the high spots  
about PETERSON Peony Roots*

All Peterson Peonies will stand the vicissitudes of winter, even in the coldest climates. By a continuous system of selection and discarding unreliable varieties we can assure you that every plant you get will be strong and virile. The better of new varieties are added to our list—when we have proved them worthy of your attention. Of course some of these new varieties are hard to produce and slow to propagate which makes them more costly than others. But may we suggest that the cost of new varieties is not always justified in accordance with the results obtained—unless one is a hobbyist and is making a collection. Some of the older and less expensive varieties possess just as much refinement, substance, color and shape as the newer ones, and at times are even better adapted to your particular requirements than new novelties. We suggest that you consult with us regarding your needs before making a selection.

We wish to go on record very emphatically as saying that the one, two, or three year root is much more satisfactory to plant than a division if you want flowers the first season after planting.

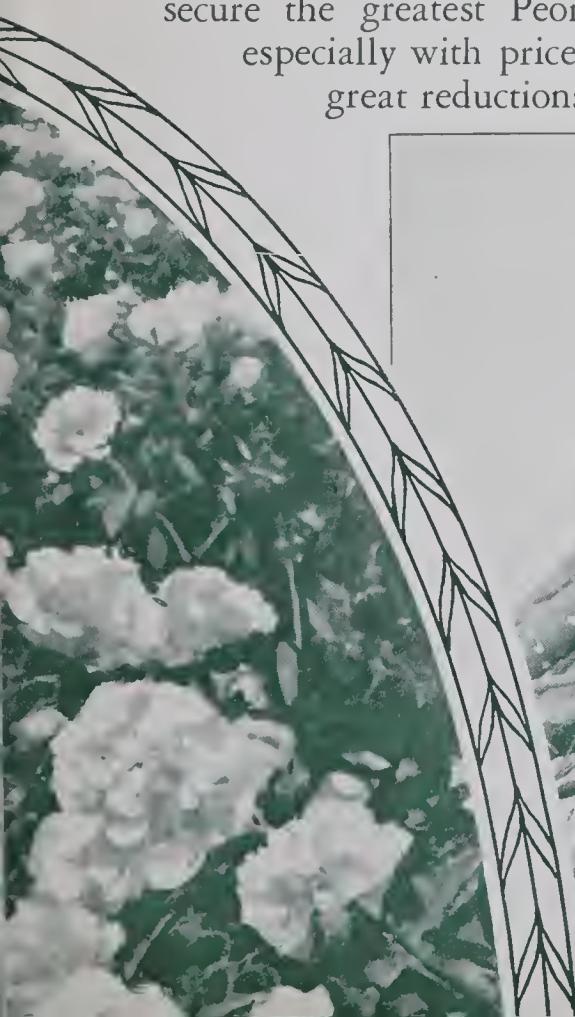


We plant divisions in our fields *first* to test them for flowering habit before permitting them to go out to you. That is why the strain we have been developing for upwards of thirty years is one of the most luxurious flowering strains in existence. No plant leaves our nursery until we have seen it in bloom and know what it can do.

It is our constant aim to send out roots that will bloom the first season no matter what size you select. However, the amount of bloom will be in proportion to the size of the root. Any nurseryman who tells you different is grossly misrepresenting—and we can prove it. When a Peony division is first separated from the parent plant the root is naturally small, although the divisions we plant are larger than the usual one year root. But after that division has been in the soil a year it develops and increases the number of eyes; and after it has been in the soil two years it is still larger, stronger, and produces more and larger blooms. These large roots, with their numerous eyes, are bound to give better satisfaction from the very beginning than immature divisions that may not bloom for two to four years.

Because these one, two, and three year roots give so many more blossoms in a shorter space of time, we send out but few divisions. With the one year root as our basic Peony unit for sale, we must explain that in the case of a comparatively few rare and scarce varieties we may find it necessary to divide from a free-blooming three-year plant; the root thus obtained will nevertheless be the same size and carry the same number of flowering eyes as a one year plant. You will find the prices opposite each variety listed, and we will be glad to ship according to your needs. But don't forget—you secure the greatest Peony value in *Peterson well developed roots*, especially with prices this year reflecting the trend of the times by great reductions.

A PETERSON DORMANT PEONY ROOT



# Peterson's Color Chart

## Showing Season of Bloom

THE FOLLOWING TABLE will save you time and make it unnecessary to go through our entire list in choosing varieties in certain colors that will flower at different times.

In the latitude of New York City, the early varieties begin flowering a few days before Memorial Day. Then follows a succession of bloom on through to the very late season blooms about June 20. Many do not yet realize that a good selection of early, midseason, and late varieties will give nearly a month of enjoyment with this noble flower.

WHITE	LIGHT, BLUSH, or FLESH PINK	DEEP PINK or ROSE	RED and DEEP RED
<i>EARLY</i>			
Duchesse de Nemours	Judge Berry	Edulis Superba	Adolphe Rousseau
Festiva Maxima	Madame Calot	General Bertrand	Cherry Hill
Madame de Verneville	Octavie Demay	Modeste Guerin	Off. rubra plena
	Umbellata Rosea	Mons. Jules Elie	Riehard Carvel
		Off. rosea plena	
		Pierre Reignoux	
<i>MIDSEASON</i>			
Boule de Neige	Asa Gray	Alexandre Dumas	Atrosanguinea
James Kelway	Eugenie Verdier	Duchesse d'Orleans	Charles McKellip
Jubilee	Floral Treasure	Madame Dueel	Felix Crousse
La Rosiere	Germaine Bigot	Madame Geissler	Fontenelle
Le Cygne	Lady Alexandra Duff	Souv. de Louis Bigot	Karl Rosefield
Marie Jaequin	Lamartine (Gigantea)	Marie Crousse	Lora Dexheimer
Nymphaea	Mme. Bariillet Deschamps	Suzanne Dessert	Mons. M. Cahuzac
	Reine Hortense	Katherine Havemeyer	Victoire de la Marne
	Therese	Weleome Guest	Mary Brand
	Triomphe de l'Ex. de L.		
	Venus		
	Wilton Lockwood		
<i>LATE MIDSEASON</i>			
Alsace-Lorraine	Edwin C. Shaw	Sarah Bernhardt	Augustin d'Hour
Avalanche	Georgiana Shaylor	Walter Faxon	Eugene Bigot
Baroness Schroeder	Madame Jules Dessert	Wiesbaden	Grover Cleveland
Frances Willard	Madame Lemonier		Longfellow
Kelway's Glorious	Marguerite Gerard		Philippe Rivoire
Mons. Dupont	Mary W. Shaylor		Wm. F. Turner
Solange (Distinct.)	Pres. Wilson		
Tourangelle	Raoul Dessert		
<i>LATE</i>			
Canari	Albert Crousse	Louise Renault	
Couronne d'Or	Chestine Gowdy	Martha Bulloch	
Pasteur	Livingstone	Rosa Bonheur	
	Madame de Galhau	Souv. de l' Ex. Un.	
	Madame Emile Galle		
	Madame Forel		
	Milton Hill		
	Modele de Perfection		
	Phoebe Cary		
<i>VERY LATE</i>			
Enchanteresse	Gismonda		Harry L. Richardson
Marie Lemoine	Grandiflora		
	La France		
	Loveliness		
	Pierre Duchartre		
<i>TRICOLORED</i>			
Gloire de Charles Gombault.			
Jeanne d'Arc.	Midseason		
Philomèle.	Midseason		
<i>YELLOW</i>			
		Primevere	
		Laura Dessert	



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## Peterson Special Collections

*For those desiring the most Peonies for their money without a sacrifice of quality.*

These are made up from our best stock of the current year and are especially recommended to anyone desiring a small collection but who is unacquainted with the merits of the different varieties. It is an excellent way to get a start in choosing one's favorites which may later be ordered in separate varieties. By referring to the descriptions on the following pages, you will note that our selections are made to include a wide range of color—whites, pinks, and reds—whose flowers will extend well over the whole Peony season. All of them are highly rated by the Peony society, and the majority are fragrant.

A special price is made where the unbroken set is taken; these special prices are net and discounts offered on page 30 will not apply here.

### STANDARD COLLECTION

	1-year	2-year
Albert Crousse. Pink.....	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.50
Avalanche. White .....	1.00	1.50
Couronne d'Or. White, golden center.....	.75	1.15
Duchesse de Nemours. White, lemon center.....	.75	1.15
Edulis Superba. Rose-pink.....	.75	1.15
Felix Crousse. Brilliant red.....	1.00	1.50
Festiva Maxima. White, flecked red.....	.75	1.15

*The balance of this Standard collection is continued on the next page.*

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Standard Collection continued from preceding page.

<b>Fontenelle.</b> Clear crimson.....	1.50	2.25
<b>Karl Rosefield.</b> Best red.....	1.00	1.50
<b>Madame Calot.</b> Flesh-pink.....	.75	1.15
<b>Octavie Demay.</b> Hydrangea-pink.....	.75	1.15
<b>Triomphe de l'Exposition de Lille.</b> Clear pink.....	.75	1.15
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	\$10.75	\$16.30
<b>The set (12 roots) for.....</b>	\$ 8.00	\$12.75

## ROYAL COLLECTION

	1-year	2-year
<b>Adolphe Rousseau.</b> Rich dark red.....	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.25
<b>Baroness Schroeder.</b> Creamy white.....	1.00	1.50
<b>Charles McKellip.</b> Bright crimson.....	1.50	2.25
<b>Cherry Hill.</b> Glistening maroon.....	2.50	3.75
<b>Fontenelle.</b> Clear crimson.....	1.50	2.25
<b>Lady Alexandra Duff.</b> Distinct pink.....	2.00	3.00
<b>Mme. de Verneville.</b> White.....	.75	1.15
<b>Modeste Guerin.</b> Deep rose-pink.....	1.00	1.50
<b>Mons. Dupont.</b> White.....	.75	1.15
<b>Mons. Jules Elie.</b> Best pink.....	1.50	2.25
<b>Reine Hortense.</b> Silvery pink.....	1.50	2.25
<b>Sarah Bernhardt.</b> Soft pink.....	1.50	2.25
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	\$17.00	\$25.55
<b>The set (12 roots) for.....</b>	\$13.50	\$19.75

## DE LUXE COLLECTION

Twelve of the World's Best Varieties.

The varieties in this collection possess qualities of beauty and refinement that have not yet been surpassed. We congratulate anyone who has the faculty to appreciate and enjoy such gems as these.

	1-year	2-year
<b>Frances Willard.</b> White .....	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.75
<b>Le Cygne.</b> Creamy white.....	5.00	7.50
<b>Mons. Martin Cahuzac.</b> Dark maroon.....	2.50	3.75
<b>Nymphaea.</b> White, Water Lily type.....	3.00	4.50
<b>Primvere.</b> Yellow .....	2.50	3.75
<b>Richard Carvel.</b> Non-fading crimson.....	2.00	3.00
<b>Sarah Bernhardt.</b> Pink.....	1.50	2.25
<b>Solange.</b> Buff to pale pink.....	2.50	3.75
<b>Souv. de Louis Bigot.</b> Salmon pink.....	3.00	4.50
<b>Therese.</b> Satiny lavender pink.....	2.50	3.75
<b>Tourangelle.</b> Exquisite flesh pink.....	2.00	3.00
<b>Walter Faxon.</b> Salmon pink.....	3.00	4.50
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	\$32.00	\$48.00
<b>The set (12 roots) for.....</b>	\$27.50	\$40.00



# FAIR LAWN, NEW JERSEY

## SPECIAL OFFER A

*Eight best Whites* for a long season of bloom. Listed here in order of bloom, beginning very early with Duchesse de Nemours and ending with Marie Lemoine.

	1-year	2-year
Duchesse de Nemours.....	\$ .75	\$ 1.15
Festiva Maxima .....	.75	1.15
Jubilee .....	2.00	3.00
Madame de Verneville.....	.75	1.15
Marie Jacquin .....	1.50	2.25
Mons. Dupont .....	.75	1.15
Couronne d'Or .....	.75	1.15
Marie Lemoine .....	1.00	1.50
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	\$8.25	\$12.50
The set (8 roots) for.....	\$6.50	\$ 9.75

## SPECIAL OFFER B

*Six best Light Pinks* for a long season of bloom. Listed here in order of bloom, beginning very early with Octavie Demay and ending with Grandiflora.

	1-year	2-year
Octavie Demay .....	\$ .75	\$ 1.15
Marguerite Gerard .....	1.00	1.50
Mme. Lemonier .....	1.00	1.50
Livingstone .....	1.00	1.50
Mme. de Galhau.....	1.00	1.50
Grandiflora .....	1.50	2.25
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	\$6.25	\$ 9.40
The set (6 roots) for.....	\$4.90	\$ 7.50

## SPECIAL OFFER C

*Six best Dark Pinks* for a long season of bloom. Listed here in order of bloom, beginning very early with Edulis Superba and ending with Souv. de l'Exposition Universelle.

	1-year	2-year
Edulis Superba .....	\$ .75	\$ 1.15
Madame Ducel .....	1.00	1.50
Marie Crousse .....	1.50	2.25
Germaine Bigot .....	1.00	1.50
Suzanne Dessert .....	1.00	1.50
Souv. de l'Exposition Universelle.....	1.00	1.50
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	\$6.25	\$ 9.40
The set (6 roots) for.....	\$4.90	\$ 7.50

# PETERSON PEONIES

## SPECIAL OFFER D

*Six best Reds and Crimson* for a long season of bloom. Listed here in order of bloom, beginning very early with Cherry Hill and ending with Eugene Bigot.

	1-year
Cherry Hill .....	\$ 2.50
Richard Carvel .....	2.00
Longfellow .....	2.00
Mons. Martin Cahuzac.....	2.50
Augustin d'Hour .....	1.50
Eugene Bigot .....	1.50
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	\$12.00
The set (6 roots) for.....	\$ 9.00

## SPECIAL OFFER E

Three distinct tricolored varieties. All are different in form, but are colored soft pink, sulphur yellow, and old rose in delightful combinations.

	1-year	2-year
Philomele .....	\$1.00	\$ 1.50
Gloire de Chas. Gombault.....	1.00	1.50
Jeanne d'Arc. .....	1.00	1.50
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	\$3.00	\$ 4.50
The set for.....	\$2.25	\$ 3.25

## SPECIAL OFFER F

Six unusually distinct kinds the fancier and connoisseur will immediately recognize. Their extreme delicacy of coloring, perfect form, and refined petalage make them outstanding exhibition varieties and many times prize winners at the shows. These six are totally different from any other varieties in commerce. Brief descriptions will not suffice for such gems.

	1-year	2-year
Mme. Jules Dessert.....	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.75
Milton Hill .....	2.50	3.75
Pierre Duchartre .....	1.50	2.25
Primevere .....	2.50	3.75
Solange .....	2.50	3.75
Therese .....	2.50	3.75
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	\$14.00	\$21.00
The set for.....	\$11.50	\$15.25

**EXCEL**

FESTIVA MAXIMA



# Herbaceous Double Peonies

Paeonia Albiflora

(Each variety can be supplied this year only in age (size) following description.)

**ADOLPHE ROUSSEAU.** *Dessert.* 8.5. This is, perhaps, the largest of all red Peonies.

The color is an unusually rich, dark red and holds well. The flowers, borne on stiff, erect stems 4 feet in height, when well grown at three to four years of age, are large to very large and moderately full. When young, this plant will often produce almost single flowers and some of these are likely to appear on the weaker growths of well-established plants. Blooms early.....1-year, \$1.50; 2-year, \$2.25.

**ALBERT CROUSSE.** *Crousse.* 8.6. Large, very full, evenly formed bloom; fresh pink, center shaded with clear pink. Petalage small and very dense. A high-class, late Peony of much merit.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50; 3-year, \$2.00.

**ALEXANDRE DUMAS.** *Guerin.* 7.1. A pretty shade of bright pink, with chamois, white, and salmon intermingling; flowers large and very full. A most attractive and showy variety, combining several colors, but in general effect a rich pink. Very good and reliable.....1-year, .75; 2-year, \$1.15; 3-year, \$1.50.

**ALSACE-LORRAINE.** *Lemoine.* 8.8. This is a large, late midseason variety. The waxy petals are rounded and cupped at the tips and are symmetrically arranged in a circular form. It is pure white, tinted with cream and buff in the center. The habit of the plant is only moderately vigorous but produces many flowers of fine form and unusual color.....1-year, \$1.50; 2-year, \$2.25; 3-year, \$3.00.

**ASA GRAY.** *Crousse.* 8.1. Large, full and perfectly formed bloom. Salmon and fleshy pink; petals beautifully marked and marbled with carmine-lilac. Tall, upright grower, and good bloomer. A dependable high-class distinct variety which must not be passed by.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50.

**ATROSANGUINEA.** *Calot.* 7.5. Large, full bloom. Color deep scarlet-red, tinged with violet; bright golden yellow stamens showing through flower. Very brilliant and showy. Superb habit. Fragrant. Possibly the most dependable bloomer of all the red varieties.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50.

**AUGUSTIN D'HOUR.** Syn., Marechal MacMahon. *Calot.* 7.8. Very large, convex bloom. Broad guard petals; center petals narrow and built up close and high, ball shaped. Color on opening, deep, rich, vinous red. Strong grower with large, dark, glossy foliage; stems stiff. Good bud. Blooms late midseason.....1-year, \$1.50; 2-year, \$2.25.

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**AVALANCHE.** *Crousse.* 8.7. Very large and full, milky white flower of perfect form, reflecting yellow from the base of petals; few center petals often very delicately edged with carmine. Fine, strong, upright grower, good bloomer and delightfully fragrant. Late midseason. Really superb. Despite the large number of white varieties introduced of recent years, many of them high-priced, each season when we come to this variety we feel a desire to place it in the very forefront of white Peonies—

1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50; 3-year, \$2.00.

**BARONESS SCHROEDER.** *Kelway.* 9.0. Very large and full creamy white flower of unusual depth and softness. Splendid habit and bloomer. Medium late. With the advent of so many other white varieties of recent years, this sort has been somewhat lost sight of in the discussions; it nevertheless possesses a delicacy and charm beloved by thousands of Peony fanciers.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50; 3-year, \$2.00.

**BOULE DE NEIGE.** *Calot.* 8.0. Very large, cup-shaped, sulphur-white flower with golden reflections; center petals freely bordered carmine. Buds marked and splashed carmine, as in *La Tulipe*. Good, strong, upright grower; stems long and stout. Fine, dark foliage. Fragrance very strong and sweet....1-year, .75; 2-year, \$1.15; 3-year, \$1.50.

**CANARI.** *Guerin.* Outer petals flesh-white, with full yellow center. Very tall grower; sweetly fragrant. Very prolific bloomer. Splendid value for its price—

1-year, .75; 2-year, \$1.15; 3-year, \$1.50.

**CHARLES McKELLIP.** *Brand.* 7.8. This is a deep, rich red somewhat on the order of Longfellow. The flower is full, quite large, and holds its color remarkably well—

1-year, \$1.50; 2-year, \$2.25; 3-year, \$3.00.

**CHERRY HILL.** *Thurlow.* 8.6. In this we have a new variety of much merit. To begin with, it is one of the earliest of the Chinensis varieties to bloom and it is one of the most prolific and surest bloomers of all the reds. The flower is moderately large, quite full and its deep crimson-red color is similar to that of Adolphe Rousseau. It holds its color and lasts, both on and off the plant, to an unusual degree. The habit is tall and erect. Meets a real need in reds.....1-year, \$2.50; 2-year, \$3.25; 3-year, \$5.00.

**CHESTINE GOWDY.** *Brand.* 8.4. This is one of the most distinct of Brand's Peonies. The growth and habit are excellent. The flower, cone-shaped, is exceedingly full to the center, well and evenly rounded, being, in fact, very symmetrically built. It gives us a delightful combination of colors. The outer few rows of petals are delicate lavender-pink. Then comes a rounded section of creamy yellow with the center a similar color to the outer petals. Blooms moderately late. It is too bad that so distinct and attractive a flower was not given a more happy name. 1-year, \$1.50; 2-year, \$2.25.

**COURONNE D'OR (Syn., Crown of Gold).** *Calot.* 8.1. Large and full imbricated flower of superb form; white, reflecting yellow, center petals bordered with carmine; golden stamens showing through and lighting up flower. Solidly and perfectly built from edge to center. Fragrant, a good grower and reliable bloomer. Blooms moderately late, preceding *Marie Lemoine*.....1-year, .75; 2-year, \$1.15; 3-year, \$1.50.

**DUCHESSE DE NEMOURS.** *Calot.* 8.1. Guard petals white; center lemon-yellow, with greenish reflex. The flower opens at first cup-shaped, disclosing its lovely lemon-yellow center, then gradually develops into a large, well-formed full bloom which gradually fades to white. Among all Peonies there is nothing so exquisitely chaste as this variety in a half-open state. A good, profuse, sure bloomer; sweetly fragrant. Fine habit. Splendid cut-flower. Blooms early.—

1-year, .75; 2-year, \$1.15; 3-year, \$1.50.

**DUCHESSE D'ORLEANS.** *Guerin.* Large, carmine-pink guard petals, with center of soft pink, interspersed with salmon. Nice, pointed bud. Tall grower. An exceedingly good, perfect bloomer and very pretty flower. One of the most desirable of low-cost sorts.....1-year, .75; 2-year, \$1.15; 3-year, \$1.50.



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**EDULIS SUPERBA.** *Lemon.* 7.6. Beautiful, brilliant rose-pink, silvery reflex; large, well-formed, full flower on good stem. Blooms very early, just before Festiva Maxima, and lasts well; fragrant and good in every way. A much worthier sort than its price would seem to indicate. There is quite a stock of it in existence. Splendid for Decoration Day.....1-year, .75; 2-year, \$1.15; 3-year, \$1.50.

**EDWIN C. SHAW.** *Thurlow.* 9.1. Large to very large, well rounded, cupped, incurved bloom. The color is a most exquisite shade of flesh-pink, deepening noticeably and attractively in center. Ideal, erect habit and profuse, late bloomer. A real gem among the newer Peonies.....1-year, \$8.00.

**ENCHANTERESSE.** *Lemoine.* 8.9. Very large, globular, creamy white flower; buds crimson splashed. Strong, erect grower. Blooms very late. It may sometimes be a prize-winning variety, as claimed, but we would hardly recommend it for a small collection.....1-year, \$2.00; 2-year, \$3.00.

**EUGENE BIGOT.** *Dessert.* 8.3. Brilliant, velvety crimson-red; flowers fairly large, full, and of splendid form. Rather tall grower, moderately late and good bloomer. The best of its color and season.....1-year, \$1.50; 2-year, \$2.25.

**EUGENIE VERDIER.** *Calot.* 8.6. Flesh-pink, changing to white in center. An enormous, rather flat flower, coming on exceedingly long stems, gracefully, but not badly, drooping. This is one of the most distinct, impressive and beautiful Peonies in cultivation.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50.

**FELIX CROUSSE.** *Crousse.* 8.4. Large, anemone, ball-shaped bloom. Color brilliant, dazzling red, with ruby-flamed center. Good grower, bloomer and one of the most popular all-round red varieties.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50; 3-year, \$2.00.

**FESTIVA MAXIMA.** *Miellez.* 9.3. Very large and full, pure white flower, with few center petals usually tipped with blood-red spots. A very vigorous grower, with massive foliage, flowers coming on long, stiff stems; fragrant. Early, and blooms abundantly. Perhaps the very best all-round white we possess. Best known and most popular. Were this a new variety it would be cheap at \$10.00—

1-year, .75; 2-year, \$1.15; 3-year, \$1.50.

**FLORAL TREASURE.** *Rosefield.* 7.5. Very delicate salmon-pink, with green heart; rosy tinge on first opening. Good, upright grower and bloomer. Flower moderately large and full. Foliage light green. A charming flower where delicacy of coloring is desired.....1-year, .75; 2-year, \$1.15.

**FONTENELLE.** *Rosefield.* A desirable "red" variety not yet well known and has not been rated by the Peony Society. Clear brilliant crimson; semi-rose type. Flowers of medium size coming on long, strong stems. A very early, dependable bloomer, one that we can heartily recommend, especially when good early reds are still scarce—

1-year, \$1.50; 2-year, \$2.25.

**FRANCES WILLARD.** *Brand.* 9.1. In all-round qualities, it is the best white Peony in existence. The bloom is large, very full, and of splendid, symmetrical form. Like Lady Alexandra Duff, another famous high-class variety, it is of strong, clean growth, good habit, and can be depended upon year after year to bloom well and open perfectly all of its flowers which are exceedingly large in size, full, and of wonderful substance. The color is ivory-white with yellow stamens at the base of the petals which light up the flower most attractively. Occasionally there will be found purplish red markings on the petals with the center ones edged very delicately. Sweet in fragrance and scores close to 100 in every point which a Peony should possess.

1-year, \$2.50; 2-year, \$3.75.

**GENERAL BERTRAND.** *Guerin.* 7.1. Deep rose-pink; large guard petals; center well filled with small, salmony pink petals edged with whitish pink. Splendid habit and foliage; nice, elongated bud; in all of which points it resembles Modeste Guerin.

1-year, .75; 2-year, \$1.15.

LONGFELLOW

**GEORGIANA SHAYLOR.** *Shaylor.* 8.9. In our opinion one of the most outstanding of the Shaylor seedlings. The color is light rose-pink with a ring of short petals around the center marked a bright crimson. The plant is medium in height but very floriferous. It is a wonderful show variety as well as being valuable for garden decoration. Blooms late midseason; fragrant.....1-year, \$2.00.

**GERMAINE BIGOT.** *Dessert.* 8.5. Large to very large, flesh-pink, full flower tinged pale rose. Good upright habit and a good, sure bloomer. Stamens visible throughout the flower. Fragrance good. One of the comparatively few varieties which seemingly never has an off season.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50.

**GISMONDA.** *Crousse.* 8.2. Flower unusually large, full, and perfectly formed. Color light pink, deepening to a distinct circle in center of dark pink or rose. Very late bloomer. A superb Peony when well grown. 1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50; 3-year, \$2.00.

**GLOIRE DE CHARLES GOMBAULT.** *Gombault.* 7.9. Pretty globular extra-full flower. Outer petals fleshy pink; center petals narrower and of a clear salmon-flesh color, shaded with apricot, with tuft of pink petals striped with carmine. One of the very best of the many colored sorts.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50; 3-year, \$2.00.

**GRANDIFLORA.** *Richardson.* 8.8. Large, full flower, flesh-color, changing to fleshy white; very fragrant. This, a famous Richardson seedling, is one of the very last of all Peonies to bloom. The flower unfolds its delicate beauty slowly and lasts well both on the bush and when cut. Unlike most late Peonies, this variety is almost sure to develop well year after year and, being about the very last Peony we see for the season, it leaves with us an impression of its wonderfully delicate beauty not soon forgotten.....1-year, \$1.50; 2-year, \$2.25.

**GROVER CLEVELAND.** *Terry.* 8.2. A large brilliant crimson, late midseason variety. Can usually be depended upon to open perfectly year after year, whereas some of our late reds are not so dependable. We are pleased to offer this after an absence of several years from our list due to shortage of stock.....1-year, \$2.00; 2-year, \$3.00.

**HARRY L. RICHARDSON.** *Rosefield.* A perfectly formed clear deep red to crimson. It blooms very late, about the same time as Rubra Superba, but is a very superior variety in that it invariably develops and opens all of its buds. We have finally discarded Rubra Superba and feel that this new variety originated by Rosefield really gives us something most unusual in the way of a dependable late blooming red Peony. Possesses a sweet rose fragrance probably equal to that of Philippe Rivoire. We feel quite sure that when this new variety is voted on by the members of the American Peony Society it will attain a rating of at least 9.0 or more.....1-year, \$7.50.



# PRIZE PEONIES

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**HENRY AVERY.** *Brand.* 8.8. Flower very large, full, and inclined, when developed, to flatness. Variegated in color but general effect a creamy flesh-pink showing an unusual circle of rich yellow between the petals. Plant of moderate height; rather late bloomer. A decidedly distinct and good variety which ranks as one of the best.....1-year, \$3.50.

**JAMES KELWAY.** *Kelway.* 8.7. Large to very large and full white flower; buds flecked with carmine; lower petals delicately tinged with pink, but flower in general is a most attractive pearly cream-white. Occassionally, a few golden stamens will show in center of flower and usually there are enough stamens scattered throughout the flower at base of petals to illuminate it. These are, however, not conspicuous. Fragrance good. Blooms midseason.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50; 3-year, \$2.00.

**JEANNE D'ARC.** *Calot.* 7.9. Soft pink, sulphur-white, and rose; center spotted carmine. A unique and charming combination of colors. Moderately strong grower; a very free bloomer, flowers invariably coming perfect. The most popular of the tricolored sorts—  
1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50.

**JUBILEE.** *Pleas.* 8.9. While this is, perhaps, a variety to be omitted by the planter of a small collection, it is one that no Peony connoisseur can afford to do without. There are, admittedly, many white Peonies, but there is no other quite like Jubilee. Enormous in size and very full to the center, it is of distinct, flat form. The color on opening is a creamy ivory-white which fades to a pure snow-white. The bud is not particularly alluring nor promising, but when the flower is fully expanded on a well-established plant, one has a prize-winning variety. Its chief or only weakness is in its stem, which is of insufficient stoutness to hold up the flower so that one can look it in the face. Perhaps its modesty prompts it to hide this from the casual passer-by. Fragrance fair—  
1-year, \$2.00; 2-year, \$3.00; 3-year, \$4.00.

**JUDGE BERRY.** *Brand.* 8.6. Very early variety, fragrant, soft pink, resembling somewhat in form and color the well-known Eugenie Verdier.....1-year, \$4.00.

**KARL ROSEFIELD.** *Rosefield.* 8.8. Surname changed from "Rosenfield" in 1924 by the introducer. Considering every point which a Peony should possess, this comes nearer to filling all requirements than any red Peony yet produced. In the first place, the plant is of magnificent, strong, erect habit, holding its flowers upright to the end of the season. The bloom is large to very large, exceedingly full and of a deep, rich crimson-red color which holds well; i. e., does not turn purple in the sun—  
1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50; 3-year, \$2.00.

**KATHERINE HAVEMEYER.** *Thurlow.* 9.0. A highly refined rose pink with a tinge of old rose. The outer petals droop from a perfectly formed and incurved rose bud center. A very free-blooming, large, midseason variety with excellent foliage. Fragrance pleasing. This variety, like President Wilson and Edwin C. Shaw, is of the highest quality.....1-year, \$6.00.

**KELWAY'S GLORIOUS.** *Kelway* 9.8. Large to very large, creamy white flower of great delicacy and charm. Very full right to center with very numerous more or less pointed and fringed petals. An occasional flower will show a very delicate purple edging on a few of the petals. Delicate fragrance. Blooms late midseason. This is considered by connoisseurs to be one of the very finest Peonies in existence.....1-year, \$5.00.

**LADY ALEXANDRA DUFF.** *Kelway.* 9.1. A few years ago this was the most talked of variety among Peonies. It has often been referred to as the "Long Lost Peony." For a number of years there was a question as to which was the really true variety. This point is now, however, pretty generally settled. The flower is a large to very large one, moderately full and gracefully built, usually showing more or less yellow stamens between the petals which light up the bloom very attractively. The buds are pinkish, very noticeably marked with carmine, and open to a rosy white bloom. The habit is bushy and ideally erect. It produces its blooms lavishly and surely every year and each bud develops perfectly.....1-year, \$2.00; 2-year, \$3.00; 3-year, \$4.00.

# PETERSON PEONIES

**LA FRANCE.** *Lemoine.* 9.0. This variety has quite a reputation as a winning exhibition sort. It is a late bloomer, coming on a tall, very erect stem. The flower, which develops slowly, is very large and full, of a light pink shade often referred to as apple-blossom-pink. When fully developed, it is somewhat flat in form. The plant throws up very few growths but every one invariably produces a flower. With us, in common with other late varieties, it does not always open all its buds.....1-year, \$3.00; 2-year, \$4.50.

**LA MARTINE** (known also as Gigantea). *Calot.* 8.2. Large, to immense, very full flower, semi-flat in form and of a most entrancing baby-pink shade with silvery reflex. Blooms quite early. Can be classed among the few very best Peonies in cultivation when well grown.....1-year, \$1.50; 2-year, \$2.25.

**LA ROSIERE.** *Crousse.* 8.3. An exceedingly charming, cup-shaped flower. White, with small yellow center, suggesting an immense, quite full pond-lily. Moderately large flower, coming on a bush of moderate height. An appealing Peony of unusual distinctiveness.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50; 3-year, \$2.00.

**LAURA DESSERT.** *Dessert.* 8.8. A quite new variety heralded on its introduction as the best so-called yellow Peony yet produced. We rather question if it will surpass or equal Primevere. In the first place, while a reasonably good grower with us, it does not quite equal Primevere in this respect nor does it give us as large a flower. It is however, a good bloomer.....1-year, \$4.00.

**LE CYGNE.** *Lemoine.* 9.9. This variety is generally conceded by Peony experts to be the nearest to perfection that a Peony has ever reached. The root sends up comparatively few shoots of moderate height which bear a very full, large flower, densely packed with small petals, of a true, cup-shaped form, i.e., the center is lower than the outer petals and the latter diminish in size as the center is approached. The color at first is milky white, fading to pure white. Fragrance good. From a propagator's standpoint this Queen of all Peonies increases slowly, and as a result of this the price has receded slowly. The possession of this and that of Kelway's Glorious, the oft-recurring dream of Peony-lovers, can now, with more reasonable prices, be more generally attained.....1-year, \$5.00.

**LIVINGSTONE.** *Crousse.* 8.1. Very large, full, evenly formed and shaded bloom. Beautiful soft pink. Good, erect grower and bloomer. Stems tall and stout. Reliable, young bloomer. Season late. Magnificent bud.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50.

**LONGFELLOW.** *Brand.* 9.0. A large, full crimson-red of unusual richness, holding its color remarkably without fading. The plant is of good habit and, while it has proved a good bloomer some years, there are times when it does not produce so well. It is, however, one of the best in this respect of the Brand reds as well as about their best flower in this color.....1-year, \$2.00; 2-year, \$3.00.

**LORA DEXHEIMER.** *Brand.* 8.4. Along with Charles McKellip and Longfellow, this variety gives a splendid, full, rich crimson flower, moderately large to large. Like some of our other high-class red varieties, we have found it some years not to be such a dependable bloomer. Nevertheless, since we are so short of good red Peonies in most all classes, we would certainly recommend this variety as being one worth while and one that fills a distinct need amongst our finer red sorts.....1-year, \$1.50.

**LOUISE RENAULT.** *Crousse.* Very large and full bloom, petals very broad. Color unique—a solid slatish pink. Fragrance very spicy and the most delightfully refreshing of all Peonies. Good habit and stems. Blooms late.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50.

**LOVELINESS.** *Hollis.* 8.8. A pale flesh pink with a whiter center showing a few red markings. One of the good free-blooming very late pinks.....1-year, \$2.00.

**MADAME BARILLET DESCHAMPS.** *Calot.* 7.8. Very tender pink, bordered with white and shaded with lively silvery tints; golden stamens reflected throughout flower. A large, full ball of silk and satin, very sweetly perfumed. Good grower, with very distinct broad foliage.....1-year, .75; 2-year, \$1.15; 3-year, \$1.50.



# EXCEL

WALTER FAXON



**MADAME CALOT.** *Miellez.* 8.1. Broad, flesh guard petals; center blush, deepening to delicate crushed strawberry, surrounded with small, straw-white petals, whole effect flesh-salmon-white fading to white. Flower very large, full and superbly built; early and fragrant. Growth and stems ideal. Very free bloomer. Not so promising on young plants, but on established ones it is truly superb, and this, together with its sure and abundant blooming qualities, places it, in our estimation, as one of the very foremost low-cost Peonies for general planting....1-year, .75; 2-year, \$1.15; 3-year, \$1.50.

**MADAME DE GALHAU.** *Crousse.* 7.5. Enormous, imbricated flower, coming on tall, firm, erect stems. Color soft, glossy flesh-pink, shaded with transparent salmon. A superb, late variety of ideal habit, and a good, profuse bloomer. The buds often begin to open one-sided, but they usually develop slowly into prize-winning blooms—  
1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50.

**MADAME DE VERNEVILLE.** *Crousse.* 7.9. Exceedingly good, full, anemone-shaped flower. Broad guard petals, sulphur-white; center rosy white, with an occasional edging of carmine; beautifully imbricated. Very sweet, rose-like fragrance. Blooms early and abundantly.....1-year, \$.75; 2-year, \$1.15; 3-year, \$2.00.

**MADAME DUCEL.** *Mechin.* 7.9. Large, wonderfully built flower; broad guard petals, center ball-shaped, very full and compact. The closely set small petals are beautifully curled, as in a chrysanthemum. Whole flower solid color of silvery lilac-pink. Foliage very fresh, dark green. Very distinct and floriferous. Blooms early, resembling Mons. Jules Elie.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50.

**MADAME EMILE GALLE.** *Crousse.* 8.5. Large, cup-shaped, imbricated flower. Soft lilac-pink; center shaded soft flesh and cream, fading to rosy white. Coloring of great delicacy. Splendid bud. Foliage distinct, dull green. Late.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50.

**MADAME FOREL.** *Crousse.* 7.7. Flower large to very large and full. Color medium shade of silvery pink. Good grower, bloomer, abundant and beautiful foliage. Moderately late.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50.

**MADAME GEISSLER.** *Crousse.* 7.9. Gigantic, full bloom, rather flat when fully open. Glossy lilac-rose-pink, shaded to Bengal rose at base of petals. One of the largest of all Peonies.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50.

# GEORGE H. PETERSON, INC.

**MADAME JULES DESSERT.** *Dessert.* 9.4. Fairly tall, strong grower and very reliable bloomer, carrying its flower quite erect. General effect of bloom delicate flesh-pink and straw-white, with deepest tones in center, where more or less blotches of carmine will be found, together with scattering stamens which add to the attractiveness of the bloom. All flowers invariably open perfectly. Fragrant. Blooms late midseason. Generally placed by connoisseurs in the front row of all fine Peonies and, because of its free and reliable blooming habit, it can well be included in the smallest collection of fine varieties.....1-year, \$2.50; 2-year, \$3.75.

**MADAME LEMONIER.** *Calot.* Exceedingly large, full flower, coming on exceptionally tall, erect stems. Color very distinct and attractive—lavender shading to white. This unusually fine Peony is very different from any other in cultivation, and should not be confused with Madame Lemoinier, also a Calot variety—  
1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50; 3-year, \$2.00.

**MARGUERITE GERARD.** *Crousse.* 8.4. Large, full flower; tall, upright grower. Flesh, changing to soft flesh-white, with creamy white center. A profuse bloomer, opening all its flowers perfectly.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50.

**MARIE CROUSSE.** *Crousse.* 8.9. Very large, full, beautifully formed and rounded rose-type flower of the most distinct and exquisite shade of salmon-pink imaginable, fairly glowing with freshness.....1-year, \$1.50; 2-year, \$2.25.

**MARIE JACQUIN.** *Verdier.* 8.3. Glossy flesh-white, with rosy tinge to bud. Exquisitely beautiful, moderately full, cupped flower, retaining this form. Flowers on newly set plants and weak growths often come near single. With its wealth of golden stamens in center, this flower suggests our native pond-lily. Fragrance very rich and languorous. Very distinct and fine. Should be in every collection of even moderate size—  
1-year, \$1.50; 2-year, \$2.25.

**MARIE LEMOINE.** *Calot.* 8.5. There is something about this Peony which never fails to appeal to us even more than most other Peonies do. There is a richness and charm about its yellowish white flowers that only increases with the years. The plant is of quite dwarf growth and one marvels that such a plant can produce so large a bloom and on such a sturdy, erect stem. The bloom is a very full one with petals of great substance, making it a lasting flower when cut. Were this variety among the more recent introductions and were we asked to pay \$10.00 a root for it we would consider it well worth it.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50.

**MARTHA BULLOCH.** *Brand.* 9.1. This is one of the most distinct, refined, and very finest of all the Brand productions. To begin with, the flower develops into one of the largest of all Peonies. The form is semi-flat, cup-shaped, and color a medium pink in center shading to lighter pink as the edge of the flower is approached. It is very full, evenly built, and of a pleasing formation. Foliage light green and rather narrow. Fragrance good. Growth tall and upright. Season medium late.....1-year, \$4.00.



# FAIR LAWN, NEW JERSEY

MARY BRAND. *Brand.* 8.7. A dark clear crimson with a few yellow stamens showing in the open flower. Very large, free-flowering midseason variety. A valuable addition to our list of dependable reds.....1-year, \$2.00.

MARY WOODBURY SHAYLOR. (*Shaylor.*) 9.0. The outer row of petals flesh pink, while the center appears a creamy yellow, illumined by the golden reflections from the stamens; crimson markings sometimes appear on the short petals in the collar—  
1-year, \$2.50.

MILTON HILL. *Richardson.* 9.0. Like most of Richardson's varieties, this is one of the latest Peonies to bloom, and is considered one of his greatest productions. As the flower opens up in bird-nest form, it is found to be crowded with small, salmon-pink petals of the most exquisite and pure shade, often showing distinct, scattered markings of carmine. The general color fades to a blush, creamy white—  
1-year, \$2.50; 2-year, \$3.75.

MODESTE GUERIN. *Guerin.* 7.8. Very large, anemone, ball-shaped bloom, perfectly built. Bright carmine pink, solid color. Splendid habit and foliage. Very fine, elongated bud. A choice and distinct very dark pink Peony which can be depended upon to bloom abundantly.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50.

MODELE DE PERFECTION. *Crousse.* 7.8. Large, full flower, well and evenly formed. Color flesh-pink, marbled with bright rose, deepening in center. Flower opens cup-shaped, then develops to a high-pointed center, which afterwards opens up, making a very high, built-up flower. Good, erect habit; strong stems; a prodigious bloomer. Very distinct and desirable. Blooms late.....1-year, .75; 2-year, \$1.15; 3-year, \$1.50.

MONS. DUPONT. *Calot.* 8.3. Very large, cup-shaped, perfectly built flower. Creamy white, center petals bordered with lively carmine, and lit up with golden stamens at base of petals. Exceedingly rich bloom and deliciously fragrant. Good, tall grower. Blooms rather late, preceding Couronne d'Or. A truly royal flower—  
1-year, \$.75; 2-year, \$1.15; 3-year, \$1.50.

MONS. JULES ELIE. *Crousse.* 9.2. Immense, globular, bomb-shaped, very full flower. Glossy, fresh pink, deeper at base of petals; silvery reflex on whole bloom. Glossy, light green foliage. Superlatively fine. When well grown this is the largest and grandest of all pink Peonies; in fact we place this among the ten most desirable sorts in existence. An early bloomer.....1-year, \$1.50; 2-year, \$2.25.

MONS. MARTIN CAHUZAC. *Dessert.* 8.8. This, the deepest red of all, is often termed "the black Peony." The color is really a deep maroon with blackish lustre. The flower varies in size and fullness, not a few of the blooms, especially on unestablished plants, showing a center of yellow stamens. The plant must be well established to produce typical blooms. Good, erect habit.....1-year, \$2.50; 2-year, \$3.75.

NYMPHÆA. *Thurlow.* 8.8. One of the largest and most charming of the golden white flowers which, while full, open up gracefully irregular and somewhat flat. The reflex of intermingled gold upon the white brings a charm which is irresistible. A good, dependable bloomer and distinct addition to the high class whites—  
1-year, \$3.00; 2-year, \$4.50.

MARIE LEMOINE



# EVERY



REINE HORTENSE

**OCTAVIE DEMAY.** *Calot.* 8.5. Very large and full, well-built flower. Rosy blush on first opening, fading to white, with occasional coloring of carmine in center. Color of exceeding freshness. Plant is quite dwarf, but bears regularly and prolifically its very large flowers on stiff, upright stems. Early bloomer. Fragrant. In our opinion this variety is one of the most charming and meritorious of the early Peonies—

1-year, .75; 2-year, \$1.15; 3-year, \$1.50.

**OFFICINALIS ROSEA PLENA.** This is the pink variety with the same habit and season of bloom as the old-fashioned red. The flower is a clear carmine-rose of the same size and form as Rubra.....1-year, \$1.50.

**OFFICINALIS RUBRA PLENA.** This is the old-fashioned red herbaceous Peony of old-time gardens. Its season of bloom is between that of the Tree and Chinese or Albiflora classes, opening freely here in time for Decoration Day. The flower is of moderate size, full and brilliant deep red.....1-year, \$1.50.

**PASTEUR.** *Crousse.* 8.4. Flower large and full, opening a blush-ivory-white, changing to pure white creamy center. Tall, upright grower. Of the moderately late to late varieties this is one of the most dependable to both bloom and open well every year—

1-year, \$1.50; 2-year, \$2.25.

**PETITE RENEE.** *Dessert.* Of French origination, this variety, in some stages at least, resembles more or less the Japanese Peonies. As the plant becomes older, however, the center fills and builds up into a very odd and daintily beautiful flower which is so unlike any other Peony as to draw attention at once. We freely recommend it where an odd or different Peony is desired. The general color effect is carmine pink. A profuse, sure bloomer. Stock scarce.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50.

**PHILIPPE RIVOIRE.** *Riviere.* 9.2. By Peony connoisseurs this is quite often, if not usually, considered to be the best red Peony in existence. From some standpoints this may be true but, for the general planting of the average amateur, we do not fully agree with this opinion. Its price will, of course, debar its wide planting for years to come. From a standpoint of refinement and fragrance, it is in a class by itself. The flower is moderately large, very full, and evenly formed with numerous, moderate-sized petals. The habit is good although not overly strong. The color, a lasting one, while a rich, deep red, is not brilliant but is more soft in tone. Where one can afford the price of this variety, it will be found most distinct and highly desirable—

1-year, \$6.00.



# PLANT GUARANTEED

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**PHILOMELE.** *Calot.* 7.7. Guard petals soft pink; center a real deep golden yellow with often a center tuft of rose, bordered carmine. Very distinct and sweet syringa-like fragrance. Possesses the deepest yellow to be found in Peonies. Good lasting qualities. One of the most striking varieties. Splendid both as a cut-flower and for garden decoration.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50; 3-year, \$2.00.

**PHŒBE CARY.** *Brand.* 8.8. Erect, very tall grower and late bloomer. The flower is very large and full, of good, semi-cupped form. In color it is an exquisitely fresh shade of light lavender-pink, a trifle darker in bud and open bloom than Pierre Duchartre. The open flower somewhat resembles the famous Martha Bulloch by the same raiser but seems to be an improvement on its predecessor in growth and blooming qualities. A regal, stately beauty whose charm and extreme refinement suggest that it should have been named for a princess or duchess.....1-year, \$4.00.

**PIERRE DUCHARTRE.** *Crousse.* 8.2. Very large, cup-shaped, imbricated bloom, densely crowded with petals. Soft flesh-pink with glossy reflex; silvery border. One of the latest Peonies to bloom, and one of the most perfect and beautiful as well. This variety we have found year after year to be one of the most reliable of the late-blooming Peonies and it is more than worthy of a place in every collection of any size—  
1-year, \$1.50; 2-year, \$2.25; 3-year, \$3.00.

**PIERRE REIGNOUX.** *Dessert.* 7.4. Very large flowers of a rather unusual shade, termed by the introducer "Tyrian rose;" center slightly flecked with crimson petals bordered with a silver sheen. The flowers come quite early and in great abundance; very fragrant and most distinct.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50; 3-year, \$2.00.

**PRESIDENT WILSON.** *Thurlon.* 9.3. A delightfully fresh rose-pink, very large, late variety. The general form of the flower is similar to Therese but is brighter in color. Very fragrant and free blooming. Foliage especially attractive. Still a very scarce variety and much in demand by Peony fanciers.....1-year, \$8.00.

**PRIMEVERE.** *Lemoine.* 8.6. This was introduced a few years ago as a real yellow Peony. Like the other yellow Peonies, however, it has a single row of large guard petals which are of a dull white, splashed more or less on the outside with red. The center, of a semi-bomb formation, is a rich sulphur-yellow. The plant is a tall, graceful grower and a good bloomer. Fragrance very good. This is generally conceded to be the best of the yellow Peonies so far produced.....1-year, \$2.50; 2-year, \$3.75.

**RAOUL DESSERT.** *Dessert.* 9.0. Large, full, globular bloom produced freely on a plant of but moderate height. The stems are strong and held erect. The color is described as a mauve-pink shaded with carmine and white, with the pink color deepening most attractively as the center of the flower is reached. Blooms quite late—  
1-year, \$3.00; 2-year, \$4.50.

**REINE HORTENSE.** *Calot.* 8.7. If one has the true Calot variety (there is another variety under the same name) he will have an all-round pink Peony of high quality that is difficult to surpass in all-round good points. The flower is large, full, and very evenly formed, moderately light, even pink in shade; buds crimson flecked. Habit very good and always a reliable bloomer, every flower developing perfectly—  
1-year, \$1.50; 2-year, \$2.25; 3-year, \$3.00.

**RICHARD CARVEL.** *Brand.* 8.8. One of our best large, double, early reds. The color is a clear, bright crimson and unfading, even when open for some time. Excellent for cutting; the stems are tall and strong and the flowers are borne freely. The demand for this variety is increasing and naturally stocks are not any too plentiful—  
1-year, \$2.00; 2-year, \$3.00.

**ROSA BONHEUR.** *Dessert.* 9.0. Plant rather dwarf and bushy, yielding a prize-winning flower large to very large in size, very full, semi-ball shaped, of an even soft pink shade that is most entrancing. Blooms quite late.....1-year, \$3.00.

# EVERY ROOT COMPLETELY



**SARAH BERNHARDT.** *Lemoine.* 9.0. One of Lemoine's recent gems and should not be confounded with the old Sarah Bernhardt of Dessert, now listed under Umbellata Rosea. This is a really great Peony, soft, even pink in shade, the flower being very large and full, evenly formed, and produced in profusion on a very strong-growing plant. Blooming in what is generally termed late midseason, this is one of the few very fine pink Peonies which can annually be depended upon to bear prolifically and develop perfectly its wonderful flowers.—1-year, \$1.50; 2-year, \$2.25; 3-year, \$3.00.

**SOLANGE.** *Lemoine.* 9.7. To say that this is one of the most distinct and remarkable Peonies grown would be to convey but little. The blooms are large to very large and very full, of most unusual substance, and of beautiful, symmetrical, rounded form. The color, however, is its chief attraction and very difficult to popularly describe. Generally speaking, it is a white, but, on first opening, is of a color which were you to take a bowl of cream, add a dash of coffee, and could gather and mix in the rosy glow of a morning sunrise, you would, perhaps, get pretty near to the effect which this flower gives. It is not, however, a prolific bloomer as we can use this term in connection with some varieties, and its one weak point is a stem of insufficient stoutness to hold up in a storm its remarkably solid, heavy bloom which it presents to us late in the season. Mrs. Harding, in her description of Solange in her recently published "Peonies in the Little Garden," says of it: "The color is deep cream, tinged with amber and with a touch of soft salmon-pink blowing from its heart. This rare coloring, in combination with the heavy texture of the petalage, gives the bloom a radiance equalled only by pearls of finest Orient.".....1-year, \$2.50; 2-year, \$3.75.

**SOUV. DE L'EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE.** *Calot.* 7.6. Very large, full flower. Rich, clear, brilliant pink with silvery reflex. Good, prolific, dependable bloomer. This is, perhaps, the clearest bright pink of all Peonies without a suggestion of purple—  
1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50.

**SOUV. DE LOUIS BIGOT.** *Dessert.* 9.1. With so many pink Peonies already to choose from, one may, perhaps, wonder how it is possible to produce a new one which will have such compelling qualities as to warrant its introduction. That there is room for a distinct new pink Peony is very evident on beholding for the first time this charming masterpiece of Dessert's. The flower is very large and full, very symmetrically formed, and in color is a very distinct salmon-pink. The growth and flowering qualities are good. Mrs. Edward Harding has the following to say concerning this variety: "Souv. de Louis Bigot is a real treasure. Its effect in the garden is nothing short of gorgeous.".....1-year, \$3.00; 2-year, \$4.50.

**SUZANNE DESSERT.** *Dessert & Mechin.* 7.7. Large and full, broad-petaled flower of a clear china-pink color, with silvery border. Good bloomer, distinct in coloring and very showy, "silky" bloom.....1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50; 3-year, \$2.00.

**THERESE.** *Dessert.* 9.8. This is one of Dessert's greatest accomplishments, and had he produced but this one Peony, it would have been sufficient to engrave his name on the memory of every Peony-lover for all time. The flower is full to the center, and while immense in size, is one of the most delicately beautiful Peonies in existence. The color is a wonderful blending of delicate pink, lavender, and white. In addition to its wonderful quality as a flower, it is a profuse and sure bloomer, every flower developing perfectly in every season during the ten or more years we have had it. Even our smallest roots invariably develop flowers the first year. The bush is of splendid, moderately high, symmetrical habit, and distributes its marvelous flowers quite evenly.....1-year, \$2.50; 2-year, \$3.75; 3-year, \$5.00.

**TOURANGELLE.** *Dessert.* 9.4. A high-class variety remarkable for its exquisite freshness and beauty, a flower, in fact, of most unusual refinement. The flower is large to very large and very full and comes on long, graceful stems. It is quite densely made up with delicate petals of a pearly white shade, deepening in the center to an exquisite flesh and rose tint. Blooms quite late.....1-year, \$2.00; 2-year, \$3.00; 3-year, \$4.00.

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**TRIOMPHE DE L'EXPOSITION DE LILLE.** *Calot.* 7.8. Large, full and beautifully imbricated flower of perfect form. Soft, fleshy pink, with white reflex; petals exquisitely dotted and marbled with carmine. One of the very best reliable bloomers and almost unequaled in beauty among the light pinks, resembling Reine Hortense—  
**1-year, .75; 2-year, \$1.15; 3-year, \$1.50.**

**UMBELLATA ROSEA.** *Dessert.* 7.4. Broad guard petals, delicate rose-pink; center petals short, straw-yellow, with tufts of whitish pink. Habit ideal; flowers borne on stiff, upright stems. Fragrance delicate and agreeable. Blooms young and abundantly. Usually in bloom here by Decoration Day.....  
**1-year, .75; 2-year, \$1.15.**

**VENUS.** *Kelway.* 8.3. Large, full flower coming on tall, erect stems. The color is exquisitely fresh, delicate, seashell-pink. Makes an especially pretty bud and ranks high as a cut-flower, being both a prolific and dependable sort—  
**1-year, \$1.50; 2-year, \$2.25.**

**VICTOIRE DE LA MARNE.** *Dessert.* 8.2. This, as its name implies, is an heroic Peony. It is, in fact, one of the most striking and attention-compelling Peonies on our grounds. Large to enormous in size, the flowers are very full and produced very prolifically on a strong-growing bush of splendid habit. The color is described by the introducer as a violescent pink. Some people call it a pink and others a red Peony. While, as stated, the flower is full, it nevertheless shows some yellow stamens intermingled with the petals and occasionally these are quite visible in the center. The flower is fairly fragrant and plant of most vigorous constitution—  
**1-year, \$3.00; 2-year, \$4.50.**

**WALTER FAXON.** *Richardson.* 9.3. A flower remarkable chiefly for its very attractive and unusual shade—a coral-salmon-pink. The bloom is full and medium large to large, with petals of a silky texture. While we have many pink Peonies, there is none other of this unusual and striking shade. A warm favorite with Mrs. Harding. We cannot agree with her, however, that it begins to equal Therese in all-round desirability.....  
**1-year, \$3.00; 2-year, \$4.50.**

**WELCOME GUEST.** *Hollis.* 7.8. Large to very large, loosely built, moderately full flower: outer petals deep pink and white blending to flesh-pink and white in center. There is a small center of golden stamens and a large circle of same lower down in the petals which light up and make a flower of grace and charm. Lasts unusually long in good condition on the plant and makes a decorative variety of merit—  
**1-year, \$2.50.**

**WEISBADEN.** *Goos & Koenemann.* 8.2. A bright fresh pink opening to a pale old rose. The flowers are produced very freely even on young plants. Midseason. True stock of this distinctive variety is very scarce.....  
**1-year, \$2.50.**

**WILTON LOCKWOOD.** *Shaylor.* 8.8. Brilliant rose pink with the center marked with crimson splashes. The enormous flower is loosely but gracefully formed; fragrant. A tall strong grower, very free blooming.....  
**1-year, \$3.50.**

**WM. F. TURNER.** *Shaylor.* 8.4. A very dark crimson with a blackish sheen mingled with stamens. The plant is exceptionally vigorous and free blooming. This very tall variety with its large showy dark red flowers is valuable for color accent in the garden.....  
**1-year, \$2.50.**

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## Single and Japanese Peonies

**I**N FOLIAGE, habit of growth and bloom, these are similar to the Double Peonies. The Singles bloom very early and freely and can be depended upon to yield good, typical flowers every year regardless of weather conditions. The flowers have but one or at the most two rows of large petals with a wealth of golden, pollen-bearing stamens in center, making a graceful and very attractive bloom which is fast becoming the idol of many of our most cultured Peony-lovers.

The true Japanese varieties likewise have but one or two rows of outer petals, but the stamens, instead of bearing pollen, are developed to form a center cushion or tuft of narrow petals called staminodes. The center is highly colored in striking contrast with the outside petals. Both the Single and Japanese varieties are valuable for accent in garden decoration.

Stocks of these varieties are at present in great demand. They propagate slowly and hence prices are not apt to be lower for quite a few years.

**ATTRACTION.** *Hollis.* 8.2. A large, midseason, Japanese type. The flower opens a very vivid red, becoming crimson (described by some as deep Tyrian rose); center of the flower a violet-crimson with edges of staminodes a beautiful golden buff shade. Fragrance pleasing. .... 1-year, \$2.00

**CATHEDRAL.** 8.1. Vivid dark rose-pink guard petals becoming lighter at the edges; a center of long pale pink petaloids showing yellow at the base. Very free blooming, striking Japanese variety.... 1-year, \$2.50.

**DEFIANCE.** *Terry.* One of the most striking and the most showy of the single Peonies. In color between a pink and a red, a rich cherry. The plant is a very strong grower and enormously productive. The general effect is exceptionally showy.

1-year, \$1.00; 2-year, \$1.50; 3-year, \$2.00.

**DOROTHY.** *Kelway.* 7.5. A compact-growing, prolific-yielding, pink variety of moderate height, worthy of a wide planting. In color it is somewhat deeper and more even in shade than Princess Mathilde, is more cupped in form, and usually has a full double row of petals.... 1-year, \$1.50; 2-year, \$2.25.

**FUYAJO.** 9.2. The guard petals are dark crimson or garnet, of very smooth texture; center a cluster of dark old rose petals heavily tipped pale buff. A very outstanding Japanese variety. Plant is tall and floriferous.... 1-year, \$3.00.



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**HENRI POTIN.** (*Doriat.*) 8.0. An extra fine deep pink Japanese variety with carmine tints with a big tufted center of staminodes vivid yellow at the tips. The form of flower and substance of petals is excellent. The plant is a tall vigorous grower, erect and a good bloomer.....1-year, \$3.50.

**ISANI GIDUI.** 9.3. This we consider the finest white Japanese Peony. It is undoubtedly the one most sought after by hobbyists and fanciers everywhere. Very large white guard petals surround a mass of rich buff-yellow staminodes.....1-year, \$8.00.

**JAPANESE NO. 3.** This is an unusually rich and nonfading, clear, deep crimson; the center is well filled with a wealth of golden staminodes, making the flower exceedingly showy and attractive from quite a distance. Admired in our exhibition gardens by everybody. Very consistent and free bloomer. The Japanese growers of both Peonies and irises frequently send out stock that does not tally with the descriptions and consequently we designate them by number, giving our own description. This No. 3 variety we selected a few years ago from a very extensive collection of Japanese varieties and we considered it one of the best.....1-year, \$3.00.

**JAPANESE NO. 5.** A most attractive bright crimson, lighter in color than our No. 3, and the guard petals of not so heavy substance. Instead of the stamens as in No. 3, they form a tuft of staminodes that are just a bit lighter than the guard petals when first open but soon changing to a violescent crimson. Flower lasts well.....1-year, \$2.00.

**LE JOUR.** (*Shaylor.*) 8.6. A very large white with two rows of long white overlapping petals with dense center of golden-yellow stamens. Reddish carpels showing through the stamens. Because of the firm substance of petalage and the extremely free flowering habit of the plant, we consider this one of the most desirable white singles. 1-year, \$3.00.

**LUCIENNE.** (*Dessert.*) 7.7. Flesh pink fading almost to white. Good habit and good profuse bloomer. This in color fills in a gap between Rosy Dawn, white, and Princess Mathilde, pink.....1-year, \$2.00.

**MIKADO.** *Japan.* 8.6. One of our best and the most popular of the Japanese type. The outer petals are a dark, dull crimson color; the center of the flower is broad and flat, the stamens taking the form of narrow, thick "petals" of a dark rose-red color tipped with golden buff-yellow. Foliage very good and makes a highly decorative garden variety.....1-year, \$2.50.

**PRIDE OF LANGPORT.** (*Kelway.*) 8.9. This we consider the finest pink single. The cup petals of pale rose pink, becoming lighter near the base, surround a large cluster of very bright golden-yellow stamens. The plant is very tall, and because of its abundant foliage makes it a valuable and highly decorative plant for garden use. 1-year, \$4.00.

**PRINCESS MATHILDE.** *Dessert.* 7.2. A charming French variety, china-pink, splashed and tipped with silvery white. Large flower, good grower and of fine habit. One of the most prolific pink singles.....1-year, \$3.00; 2-year, \$4.50.

**ROSY DAWN.** *Barr.* 8.5. Blush-white, changing on opening to pure white. Flower very large and one of the very finest of all the single whites. A most prolific, dependable bloomer. 1-year, \$3.50.

**THE BRIDE.** *Dessert.* 8.4. A large pure white with long rounded petals; filled with long yellow stamens. A very prolific bloomer and very popular. 1-year, \$1.50.

**THE MOOR.** *Barr.* 7.8. Very deep crimson, the darkest red we know of. The flower, of moderate size, is produced freely and possesses unusual lasting qualities—

1-year, \$2.00; 2-year, \$3.00.

**TOKIO.** 8.9. A very tall, vigorous Japanese variety. The rose pink flowers are borne on very strong stiff stems, while the guard petals are a lovely shade of pink. The center is a very showy mass of golden staminodes.....1-year, \$4.00.

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TOMATE-BOKU. 9.0. A very rare Japanese variety. Blooms exceptionally large, bright carmine pink; golden-yellow staminodes shading to light pink at the tips—

1-year, \$15.00.

VICTORIA. A striking red variety of merit. To begin with, the growth is very vigorous and upright, yielding a large, showy, red flower of intermediate shade between the light cherry-red of Defiance and the deep crimson of The Moor. The contrast of this shade of red with its wealth of Japanese-like golden stamens is very marked—

1-year, \$1.50; 2-year, \$2.25; 3-year, \$3.00.

## SPECIAL OFFER OF EIGHT SINGLE AND JAPANESE VARIETIES

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Attraction. Deep Tyrian rose.....	\$ 2.00
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The Moor. Darkest red.....	2.00
Tokio. Rose-pink .....	4.00
Victoria. Brilliant crimson.....	1.50
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A division set of the above for.....	\$13.50

## MIXED PEONIES

At the end of each planting season we occasionally have left a few of each variety, but not enough to leave out in the field to cultivate for another season. These are strong, four to six-eyed roots, such as will, in a large measure at least, bloom the first season after planting. These roots are made up entirely of named varieties, but owing to the fact that they are mixed we can not under any circumstances sell them by name, or even by color.

To those who have purchased these mixed Peonies in the past, no word of their quality is necessary. But to those who might be considering such a purchase for the first time we might say that these plants have proved the most popular and the most satisfactory of any offerings we have ever made.

One who is familiar with Peonies will be able, when blooming time comes, to name many if not all of these, and will find among them a number of high-class varieties, although not, of course, those of the rarest and highest priced kinds.

Where one desires a mixed, massed border effect, or plenty of flowers for cutting—the most for your money regardless of name, these roots offer a rare opportunity. Orders are naturally subject to our having a supply on hand, and must be shipped in the order of their receipt.

### SOLD ONLY IN THE FOLLOWING QUANTITIES

25 roots for \$7.50      50 roots for \$14.00      100 roots for \$25.00.



# EXHIBITION PURPOSES

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## GENERAL PEONY INFORMATION

The Peony is of such simple culture, and so easy to grow, that but little instruction will be necessary in order that the beginner may produce the finest blooms. While it will grow and bloom under conditions in which most plants would perish, it will well repay, in largely increased size and beauty of bloom, a thorough preparation of soil.

### Preparing the Ground

Let us suppose you already have a garden soil where you have successfully grown other garden flowers or good crops of vegetables. So long as there have never before been Peonies planted in such a soil, perhaps little further preparation at time of planting will be necessary. Subsequent feeding and fertilizing (see "Later Fertilizing") will be sufficient but important in such cases.

Where quite a large planting of Peonies is to be made and there is no loamy garden soil available, then it will repay you to prepare a special bed. Dig out about 12 to 18 inches of the inferior soil and bring in better soil in which rotted manure may be thoroughly incorporated with a fork as long before planting time as possible. If fresh manure must be used, it should be reforked in and through the soil several times during the summer before planting time. Only a reasonable amount of manure should be used because there is a danger of it causing root rot where it is not thoroughly incorporated in the soil.

Ground bone or bone meal, coarse as possible, may, to advantage, also be mixed through the soil before planting, using about a pint to a plant.

### Character of Soil

Peonies will grow and bloom in both clay and sandy soils. The latter, if not too sandy, will yield more growths and blooms, but a clay soil, while giving fewer growths and flowers, will produce stronger and larger ones.

Probably the very best soil for the Peony is one which is neither too heavy with clay nor too light with sand, one which might be termed a heavy loam, and such as would make a good vegetable garden. Such a soil should be fairly retentive of moisture, and the Peony, being a strong quick grower, can absorb much water. They should be planted where they will have full sun light at least half of each day; and will not do well if planted close under trees.

**Never plant the Peony in soil in which Peonies have grown before, or until at least six or more years have elapsed. Disregard of this will result in comparative or even complete failure.**

### When to Plant

Peony roots may be planted with absolute safety from early September until just before the ground freezes up for the winter. A September or early October planting will, however, show better results the first summer than a planting made later in the fall. New rootlets develop in the fall, if roots are in the ground in time, and these contribute noticeably to the top growth next season.

In southern latitudes, where prolonged spells of warm weather are likely to be experienced in late fall, and which would have a tendency to prematurely start the dormant eyes or buds, mid-October may be quite early enough to plant.

### Must Peonies Be Replanted Every Few Years?

This question is asked so frequently and our reply is "No." Plants that continue to bloom year after year should not be moved. If you want to increase your stock, then of course the plants may be dug and divided, but this is best done with plants not over three or four years old. The older a Peony, the harder it is to divide it so that it will bloom again. Remember, the Peony is permanent and will go on blooming for many years if not disturbed.

### Depth and Distance to Plant

It is most important that the root be set in the ground so that the main or larger eyes at the top of the root are about 2 inches beneath the surface of the ground in heavy soil or 3 inches in light soil after the same is leveled off. If planted too deep, say more than 3 inches at most, the spring growths will be slow in appearing, they will not be so strong and will often come blind, i. e., produce no flowers.

Set the roots  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet apart according to room at one's disposal. When planted in field for cut-flower purposes, the plants should be set  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet apart in row, and rows from 4 to 5 feet apart, or plant 4 x 4 to permit cross cultivation.

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## Watering

Unless the ground is dry no water need be applied when planting is done in the fall. In the spring, after growths appear above ground and rains prove infrequent, copious waterings will be very helpful in promoting strong growth and producing large blooms. From the time buds begin to show color, care should be exercised to keep them and the open flowers as dry as possible, confining the water, as much as possible, to the ground.

If the soil is fertile, plain water will be best to use, and if necessary to use manure-water, apply in weak solution.

## Later Fertilizing

In the early Spring following the planting, an application of unleached hard wood ashes may be made. Light applications of a good standard brand of commercial fertilizer may be used, but not too much the first year. Several weeks after peonies have bloomed is a very good time to feed medium fine bone meal. Along with this summer fertilizing it is very important that watering be done. In fact, peonies sometimes fail to bloom the following year because the plants have not been fed the previous summer, nor have they been watered during the dry spells in July and August when next year's flowering eyes are being formed under the ground.

Peonies like frequent cultivation with the hoe as much as any plant we know of.

## Wintering

So far as protection from cold is concerned, the Peony does not ask it in even the most severe climate. The first winter, the roots, being loose in the ground, will require a light protection (an inch or so) of strawy manure or other porous material. After this, if the ground has been made deep and fertile, as directed, we would advise withholding all manure and protection for several years, and, when it does again become necessary to fertilize, the manure should be broadcast or placed between the plants rather than placed directly over the crown of the plant, which latter, study and observation have shown us, often induces decay to set in.

Where old manure has not been obtainable to mix with the under strata of soil at the time of preparing bed, new manure may be applied in November as a mulch *between* the plants.

A heavy mulching, having to some extent the same effect as a deep planting, will often be followed by blind growths or buds which fail to develop. (See "Why Some Peonies Do Not Bloom.")

## When the Growths Become Too Dense

From the fifth or sixth year onward after planting, some varieties (according to habit) will begin to throw up too many growths, with the result that the stems will not be so stout nor so tall and the flowers will be smaller than before.

To overcome this, take a pair of sharp-pointed shears when the growths are 8 to 12 inches high and cut off close to the ground a number of them here and there so that those remaining are about evenly spaced. A marked improvement will at once be observed and in a degree depending upon how few growths are left.

## Disbudding

Most Peonies usually set three or more buds to a stem. All but the central (largest) bud should be pinched off as soon as they can be gotten hold of if the finest individual blooms are wanted.

## American Peony Society Ratings

The figures in back of the introducer's name of each variety represent the ratings placed upon the different varieties by a vote of the members of the American Peony Society. For instance, the figures 9.1 following Lady Alexandra Duff show its comparative standing in a vote where 10 represents perfection. These ratings are a fair measure of the merit and desirability of certain varieties so far as the individual flower is concerned. The freedom with which varieties bloom must also be considered. For general garden purposes, a variety that has a rating of say 7 to 7.5 may be more valuable than one rating 8 or better because the former may produce its flowers more perfectly and consistently every year and under varying weather conditions.



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## After the Blooming Season

The plants will make no further top growth after the blooming season is over. Keep the ground about them stirred and free from weeds, and water need be applied only when ground is quite dry.

Seed-pods and remains of flowers may be cut off, but do not under any circumstances remove foliage until late October. We repeat this since we have known people to cut off all foliage to the ground soon after the blooming season was over, and then next season wonder why they have little or no bloom.

Of course, there will always be some blind growths, even on well-established plants. A fruit tree does not mature all of its blossoms, and some years a potato plant yields three times as much as in another season. But, taking it all in all, the Peony is a plant of easy culture, and year in and year out will, with ordinary care, give a good account of itself.

## Diseases and Insects

The Peony is practically immune from general diseases. See to it that you get healthy plants to begin with, and then you will have little to fear.

If you obtain sickly looking roots it is usually due to the grower having raised them on land where Peonies had been growing before. Some growers, after digging and selling certain varieties, will propagate and replant each year the same varieties in the places where roots of the same kind had earlier in the season been dug. In this way they may have one, two, and three-year old roots in the same row and save much ground space, but it is a most pernicious practice. From the beginning we have never resorted to this, but each year our plantings have been made in soil new to the Peony. As a result our roots are of most unusual vigor and bloom-producing qualities.

During a very wet spring season some foliage, buds, and even stems will rot, but unless the whole plant is affected (and this has practically never happened here among the many thousands of plants we grow yearly), one need not be unduly alarmed. Growths so affected should at once be closely removed and destroyed.

The only insect which ever, even slightly, injures the Peony is the rose chafer, which will sometimes be found eating the petals of the flower. With the exception of the later varieties, the Peony is usually done blooming ere this pest appears, and so it would perhaps be wise, where the chafer is annually very troublesome and one has no inclination to combat it, to omit the later sorts. The Peony is, however, so very large, with dense petalage, that this bug, when it does attack a flower, usually buries itself in the petals, and does not disfigure it as it does a rose or other flower.

Ants, which are often seen on the buds as they are developing, are there to gather a sweet, gum-like substance which the bud exudes. They do no harm to the coming flower nor to the plant, and will disappear on opening of flowers.

## Uses

There is probably no other plant with such varied usefulness. For effective massing in landscape work the Peony is unequaled. As an edging or facing for shrubbery, it is likewise good. Planted in beds, or borders, or as specimen plants on the lawn, it is equally at home. It is particularly attractive when used to border a drive or walk.

An attractive use for the Peony is low, ornamental, lawn hedging. This of course, applies where only ornament, and not defense, is required. The dark, glossy green foliage, untouched by disease or insects, is exceedingly attractive through the spring and hot summer months.

And the cost, too, in some of the most desirable low-priced sorts will prove quite moderate, since the plants for this purpose may be set  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 feet apart, and a single row is quite ample.

## As a Cut-Flower

It is hardly equaled. Cut as the bud is about to unfold, and placed in water in a cool room, where the air is fresh night and day, most varieties will last several days. The blooms will then be superior to those left to open on the plant and exposed to the heat of the sun.

If set at once in a cold, dark cellar the different varieties may be kept several days longer than their blooming period. Bring up as wanted.

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## Cutting Blooms

When cutting flowers, always leave at least two leaf-stems on stalk cut. It is best not to cut off all of the flowers, as it is of vital importance that sufficient foliage be left on the plant all summer to develop the eyes under ground for next season's growths and blooms.

## Trueness

Desirable as it is to get fine, strong roots, it is of even greater importance that stock be true to name, and it is in this phase of the business that we especially challenge comparisons. During the blooming season our personal time is devoted almost exclusively to the study of varieties and proving stock and during the past four years not even one "rogue" or mixture has appeared in our entire plantings. The pith of all of this is well, if briefly, expressed in this enthusiastic statement of a patron, "If you get it of Peterson, it's true."

## How the Peony Is Sent to You

The Peony is sent out in the form of a root (see cut, page 5), from which, when dormant, will be seen protruding pinkish "eyes" or buds, the strongest of which will throw up next season's flowering shoots.

## When Shipment Is Made

We usually begin digging and shipping about September 10. Autumn is the natural season to plant this noble flower. You may trust our judgment in sending your order at the best planting time for your locality.

Peonies in the middle southern states must be planted considerably later than those in northern climates. In many sections October and November are just as good planting months as September. In fact, Peonies may be successfully planted up until the time the ground freezes.

Please try to send your order in early so we are able to reserve good roots for later shipment.

## Can Be Shipped Safely Anywhere

The Peony can stand without injury a journey of months if kept from prolonged heat, which would start it into growth. There is, in fact, no flower which can be transported over long distances with greater safety.

## PRICES

Are net, as quoted, except as noted below, and are as low as a like quality can anywhere be obtained. The thorough cultivation given our Peonies, going over the fields with the cultivator and hoe every ten days the entire season, and the extreme care exercised in handling, labeling, and packing, we have never seen equaled elsewhere. And remember that a Peony root, one or two years old quoted at a certain price, may actually be worth two or three of same variety sold as divisions but quoted for less money elsewhere.

## DISCOUNTS

Orders amounting to \$10.00.....	5% off
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### HOW TO GET HERE:

The Nursery and Office are on the Paramus Road, Arcola, which is midway between Hackensack and Ridgewood. This is now N. J. Highway Route No. 2, but in another year Route 2 will be diverted about a mile east of the Nursery. The Paramus Road will always remain the same.

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Telephone connection under Hackensack.

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## **DISCOUNTS**

Orders amounting to \$10.00.....5% off

" " " 25.00 ..... 10% off

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**REMEMBER**, Peonies can be successfully planted from early September through to late November. There are many advantages in placing your order as far in advance as possible.



Festiva Maxima. See page 10

## Herbaceous Chinese Peonies *Paeonia albiflora*

### Section A

1-year, 75 cts.; 2-year, \$1.25

Each variety can be supplied this year only in years old indicated by figures following description.

**ARMANDINE MECHIN.** *Mechin.* **7.2.** Large, full, clear amaranth flower. One of the most brilliant red Peonies in cultivation, but like some other reds it is not always a dependable, profuse bloomer. **1.**

**BOULE DE NEIGE.** *Calot.* **8.0.** Very large, cup-shaped, sulphur-white flower with golden reflections; center petals freely bordered carmine. Buds marked and splashed carmine, as in *La Tulipe*. Good, strong, upright grower; stems long and stout. Fine, dark foliage. Fragrance very strong and sweet. **1—2.**

**CANARI.** *Guerin.* Outer petals flesh-white, with full yellow center. Very tall grower; sweetly fragrant. Very prolific bloomer. Splendid value for its price. **1—2.**

**CHARLEMAGNE.** *Crousse.* Rosy white, shaded lilac and chamois. Very full and well-rounded bloom. Opens very slowly and lasts well. Fragrant and exquisite when in perfection, but cannot stand wet weather when about to open. Very late variety. **1.**

**THE** following table will save you time and make it unnecessary to go through our entire list if you are choosing varieties in certain colors that will flower at different times. The smaller table following also gives you a list of especially fragrant Peonies in the low- and medium-priced varieties. Refer to index on the last page to find the sections where these varieties are fully described and priced.

WHITE	LIGHT, BLUSH, or FLESH PINK	DEEP PINK or ROSE	RED AND DEEP RED
<b>Early</b>			
Duchesse de Nemours	Madame Calot	Edulis Superba	Adolphe Rousseau
Festiva Maxima	Madame Ducel	General Bertrand	Cherry Hill
Madame de Verneville	Octavie Demay	Mons. Jules Elie	Rubens
Mont Blanc	Umbellata Rosea	Pierre Reignoux	
<b>Midseason</b>			
Boule de Neige	Asa Gray	Alexandre Dumas	Armandine Mechin
James Kelway	Eugenie Verdier	Duchesse d'Orleans	Atrosanguinea
Jubilee	Floral Treasure	Madame Geissler	Charles McKellip
La Rosiere	Germaine Bigot	Souv. de Louis Bigot	Felix Crousse
La Tulipe	Jeanne d'Arc	Walter Faxon	Karl Rosefield
Le Cygne	Lady Alexandra Duff		Lora Dexheimer
Madame Emile Lemoine	Lamartine (Gigantea)		Mons. M. Cahuzac
Marie Jacquin	Madame Barillet Des- champs		Philippe Rivoire
Mons. Dupont	Marie Crousse		Victoire de la Marne
Nymphaea	Reine Hortense		
	Suzanne Dessert		
	Therese		
	Triomphe de l'Exposition de Lille		
<b>Late Midseason</b>			
Alsace-Lorraine	Jeanne Gaudichau	Claire Dubois	Augustin d'Hour
Avalanche	Madame Lemonier	Sarah Bernhardt	De Candolle
Baroness Schroeder	Marguerite Gerard		Delachei
Frances Willard	Raoul Dessert		Eugene Bigot
Kelway's Glorious			Longfellow
Solange (Distinct.)			Madame Gaudichau
Tourangelle			
<b>Late</b>			
Alfred de Musset	Albert Crousse	Auguste Villaume	
Canari	Aurore	Louise Renault	
Couronne d'Or	Chestine Gowdy		
Pasteur	Livingstone		
	Madame de Galhau		
	Madame Emile Galle		
	Madame Forel		
	Milton Hill		
	Modele de Perfection		
	Phoebe Cary		
<b>Very Late</b>			
Charlemagne	Gismonda		Marechal Vaillant
Elizabeth B. Browning	Grandiflora		Rubra Superba
Enchanteresse	Pierre Duchartre		
Marie Lemoine			
Mireille			
<b>Yellow and Pink</b>			
Gloire de Charles Gombault.	Midseason.		
Philomele.	Midseason.		
<b>Fragrant Peonies</b>			
Aurore	James Kelway		Marie Jacquin
Avalanche	La Tulipe		Mons. Dupont
Boule de Neige	Madame Barillet Des- champs		Octavie Demay
Couronne d'Or			Philomele
Duchesse de Nemours	Madame de Verneville		Pierre Reignou
Festiva Maxima	Madame Emile Lemoine		Solfatare

# RECOGNIZED LEADERS

## DO WE MAKE GOOD?

The following extracts are from letters received since our last year's Peony Catalog went to press. They are but a very few of many like letters which have been received during the year. We think they will, however, be sufficient to convince a prospective purchaser to whom we are unknown that our roots are the best that skilled care and loving effort can produce and that money can buy.

These letters have all come to us entirely unsolicited, permission to print them having afterward been asked and obtained. The printer tells us there will not be room for nearly as many as we hoped to publish.

A NEW CATALOG is issued annually, this being the 28th consecutive publication. Prices hold good only for current year.

1709 Main St., Stratford, Conn. March 29, 1932

All three of the roots I planted last fall blossomed wonderfully the following Spring, one Therese having six wonderful flowers.

—Mrs. E. T. Wells.

Lester St., Richmond, Virginia, Feb. 29, 1932

I now have quite a nice collection of Peonies and add each year two or three. I want you to know that Peonies bought from you have been satisfactory in every way.

—Emma R. Daly.

95 Woodlawn, Ave., Northampton, Mass., September 20, 1931

I think it would be inhuman of me not to say something of the wonderful collection of Peonies you sent me last Fall. When I unpacked those roots and looked at them they spoke for themselves. I knew I would get results and I certainly did. Every one of them produced flowers in June and best of all they were healthy and vigorous and true to name.

—Anthony B. Doman.

79 Griswold, Walton, N. Y., Sept. 10, 1931

The Peonies ordered of you last Fall were very satisfactory. Every plant gave me wonderful blooms this season, which seems to me quite unusual as compared with my past experience with other houses.

—W. D. Burns.

Huntingdon, Pa., October 7, 1931

I received the Peony roots and they look A No. 1. Don't see how they could be nicer. I was very careful in planting. —A. Porter Isenberg.

4831 Indian Lane, Washington, D. C., March 8, 1932

I expect great things of my Peonies as they were so large and healthy looking when I put them in. I am more than pleased with them. Your manner towards customers makes the task of buying flowers so very pleasant.

—Mrs. Victor Alfaro.

446 Woodlawn Ave., Webster Groves, Mo., March 8, 1932

I wish to say that the Peony plants received from you several years ago have been very satisfactory, and have given me much pleasure.

—Mrs. H. A. Beimes.

4614-261st St., Little Neck Park, L. I., N. Y., March 29, 1932

The Peonies I purchased from you about three years ago are very satisfactory and we enjoy them very much. —Jerome J. Walters.

1545 Asbury Place, Pittsburgh, Penn., March 31, 1932

I bought one of your Peony collections which was even better than the roses in that they almost took care of themselves. Last Spring I cut about 150 blooms and of course there were some left on the bushes as per your instructions.

—William S. Davis.

Kinne's Pharmacy, 974 Gt. Plain Avenue, Needham, Mass., June 23, 1932

For two weeks I have been trying to write you and let you know how well the Peonies bought last fall turned out. The roots were splendid on arrival and have grown splendidly giving us, with two exceptions, four to seven blooms from each one the first year and wonderful blooms at that.

—Ray E. Kinne.

Quaker Bridge, N. Y., March 26, 1932

Your Peonies proved far superior to any I had ever purchased before. Their second season last Summer they were simply loaded with blooms.

Mrs. J. M. Holt.

219 Elm St., Westfield, N. J., June 6, 1932

Coming out of the garden this morning I decided to write to you about the Peony roots I received last October. The flowers are wonderful and the bushes are filled with blooms. I particularly want to mention Kelway's Glorious, Japanese No. 3 and Richard Carvel. I have never received from any nursery any finer roots than these and I have what I consider a very creditable collection of Peonies.

—Chauncey M. F. Egel, D. D. S.

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